DR. S. JOHN: (*a*) Yes,

(*b*) No.

(*c*) the answer to the first part is in the affirmative; the 2nd part of the question does not arise in view of the answer to the first part.

MR. THEROOR S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI: May I know from the Surgeon-General whethes he is aware that practical training before the grant of promotions does not serve any useful purpose?

DR. S. JOHN: I do not think so.

Hospital Nurses.

274. *MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state the reason why a condition is imposed on hospital nurses not to marry during the couse of their service?

DR. S. JOHN: It is not in the best interest of hospitals or other Nursing Services to employ young married women with family responsibilities.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Has the Surgeon-General received any petition from the nurses with regard to the change of this rule?

PRESIDENT: Yes.

MR K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Has the Government considered the petition?

DR. S. JOHN: Yes, Sir, Government were kind enough to reduce the number of years from 9 to 7 for marriage.

Admission to Medical College.

275. *MR. V. MADHAVAN (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many applications were received this year by Government for selection of candidates for admission to the Medical Courses in the College at Madras and Calcutta;

(*b*) how many applications were received from candidates belonging to the Ezhava community; and

(*c*) how many Ezhava applicants were selected;

DR. S. JOHN: (*a*) 76.

(*b*) 6.

(*c*) None.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Part (*c*) of the question is "How many Ezhava applicants were selected" and the answer is "None". May I know the reason for not taking any Ezhava student?

DR. S. JOHN: There is no reason at all. It all depends upon so many things. It is not only the marks that count for the selection of a candidate. A man might have passed as first in the Presidency. But he must have general appearance, efficiency and pluck. All these things are necessary for a candidate being selected.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: May I know how these things are determined?

DR. S. JOHN: It is as a result of the interview and from the certificates the Surgeon-General used to get from the Heads of educational institutions.

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MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether any stipulation is taken from the students to the effect that they will serve the State for a certain number of years after they complete their course?

DR. S. JOHN: Yes, it is supposed so.

Students selected for admission to the Medical Colleges.

276. *MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the students selected by them this year for admission to the Medical College, Madras, and the Medical College, Calcutta, together with the names and occupations of the guardians of those students?

DR. S. JOHN: The information available in the applications of the candidates selected for admission to the two Colleges is given below:—

Madras Medical College.

1. Mr. S. Velappan.
   C/o Mrs. L. Sankaranarayana Pillai, 139, College Lane, Trivandrum.
2. Mr. J. S. Satyadas.
   C/o A. N. Satyanesan Esq., M. L. C., Editor, "The Bharathi", Trivandrum.
3. Mr. K. Kuruvilla
   C/o Dr. T. K. Kuruvilla, Medical Officer in charge, District Hospital, Alleppey.
4. Miss A. Mafeesa Beevi,
   C/o A. M. Hydrose Esq., Piece Goods Merchant, Market, Alwaye.

Carmichael Medical College, Calcutta.

1. Mr. K. Samu Aiyar,
   C/o S. Devaraja Aiyar Esq., School Road, Thycaud, Trivandrum.
2. Mr. V. Rajasekharan Nair,
   C/o V. K. Velappan Nair Esq., M. L. A., Lakshmi Vilas, Vaikom.

Selection of candidates for medical studies.

277. *MR. P. M. VARGHESE: Will the Government be pleased to place of on the table:

(*i*) a list containing the names of the candidates selected for medical studies in Universities other than Travancore and the qualification each;

DR. S. JOHN:

Name of candidate selected.	*Qualification.*
Madras Medical College.	
1. Mr. S. Velappan	Intermediate.
2. ,, J. S. Satyadas	do.
3. ,, K. Kurvilla	B. Sc.
4. Miss A. Nafeesa Beevi	Intermediate.

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